constantly increasing due to ever rising infiltration of Bangladeshis ; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M.JACOB) : (a) Population of Tripura has been increasing at a rate Higher han the national average. It is, however, difficult to estimate precisely how much of the increase is on account of infillra'ion from Bangladesh. Growth of population affecrs the land-man ratio anywhere in the country including Tripura.

(b) Government's policy in this regard is to prevent the ontry of the infiltrators and, where thy have found entry, to detect and deport them.

Issue of identity cards

2141. SHRI SHABBIRAHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased t*o state* :

(a) whether it is a fact that in many countries muli-purpose identity cards have been issued to citizens ; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to issue multi-purpose identity cards to the citizens ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) Yes,-Sir.

(b) Identify cards are being issued in specified border areas of the States of Rajasthan and Gujarat with a view to register bonafide residents, to collect reliable information re-garding status of residents and to check movement of visitors who stay for more than thirty days.

Shelter to Kashmiri migrants

2142. SHRI SHABBIRAHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-i em which appeared in the Kashmir Times da ed the 25th June, 1992 under the caption 'Migrans without Cover in Jheree Camp' ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken or propose to take to provide adequares shelter to the affected migrants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIM.M. JACOB) : (a)and(b) In Jheree Camp for Kashmiri migrants, 427 completemen's, 167 ou er-flies and 42 inner-flies needing re-placemen have been replaced. The ments procured for Camps in Jammu Region during the last one year were of standard quality and 1,000 of them were made by the Ordnance Factory. Jheree Camp has regularly been visited by the senior officers of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir and there is a regular interaction with the representatives of the camps. Sanctioned relief tothe eligible camp inma es has also been provided.

Migration from J&K *to* Pakistan

2143. SHRI SHABBIRAHMAD SALARIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in Kashmir Times, Jammu of the 26th March and 29th

May, 1992 to the effect that '3more cross over to Pakistan' and 'two women among 6 cross overto POK' ;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons who crossed the Line of Actual Control during the years 1989-90, 1991 and so far in 1992 and the reasons therefor ;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to stop this migration to inspire confidence amongst the people in the country ; and

(d) whether the migration is due to fear of loss of employment opportunities in J & K ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) The Government is aware of the press report in question.

(b) to (d) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed that there are reports of about 4450 persons having crossed over to the other side of the Line of Control and International Border since 1989, due to propaganda and allurement by Pakistani and POK authorities that each family of muslims who would cross over to that side would be given Rs. 25,000 alongwith a residential plot and a scholarhsip of Rs. 300 to each of their wards.

Vigil in the border areas has been intensified with action to plug exfiltra-tion and infiltration routes.

Special Development Schemes have also been launched in these areas with a view to restrormg confidence among the people living there.

Crossing over by Bangladeshis to Pakistan

2144. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALABJA Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawntothe news-item under the caption "175 Bangladeshis cross to Pakistan from Ramgarh" which appeared inthe Kashmir Times dated the 10th May, 1992 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the number of Bangladeshis who crossed over to Pakistan from Ramgarh (J &K) border during the years 1989-90, 1991 and so far in 1992 and also those who have been killed while trying to do so ; and

(d) what are the reasons which make the Bangladeshis to cross over to Pakistan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIA MENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a)and(b) As per information available with the Government, only 111 Bangladeshi nationals were apprehended on border in Ramgarh area. They were subsequently pushed back to Pakistan by BSF.

(c) The information is not available. However , 13 Bangladeshi national were killed by the BSF while they were entering into India from Pakistan during the years 1989 to 1992 (Upto June).

(d) Possibly they tried to cross over to Pkistan in search of employment and job opportunities there.

Foreign Nationals in the country

2145. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :
SHRI SURENDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of HOME